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AWARDS CEREMONY SPOTLIGHTS HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Individuals and organizations that have contributed significantly to historic preservation in Tucson and Pima County will be recognized at the annual Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony. The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) and the Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation will host the event.

Date: Saturday, May 18, 2013

Time: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Place: St. Phillip's in the Hills Episcopal Church, 4440 N. Campbell Avenue

The T-PCHC's mission is to foster awareness and preservation of historic sites, structures, districts, and character in our community. The Mayor and City Council, City of South Tucson, and Pima County Board of Supervisors appoint its members. The Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation is dedicated to preserving and celebrating the distinctive and irreplaceable historic resources of Tucson and Pima County.

Historic preservation awards will be presented in three categories:

- The Alene Dunlap Smith and Paul Smith Award to those who have demonstrated a high level of dedication and long-term commitment toward historic preservation.
- The Historic Preservation Award to those whose contributions to preservation have had a significant impact at the community level.
- The Heritage Award to those who have volunteered time and effort on local history or preservation projects, undertaken rehabilitation of their own historic property, or successfully completed a National Register nomination of their own building.

Award winners in 2013 include homeowners Renee Morton for her restoration of her Barrio Viejo property and Marc and Vicki Brinkmeyer for the restoration of Casa Juan Paisano; Gospel Rescue Mission, Picarreta Davis Law Firm, and Sparkle Cleaners for the restoration of historic neon signs; Oscar Humberto Stevens, for helping to preserve the Tucson identity through his role as co-owner and personality on Spanish-language radio; Martie Maierhauser for her stewardship of Colossal Cave; Kelly McLear and Greg Haver for their adaptive reuse of Monterey Court Motel; Officer Preston Hould for protection of the Matus/Meza House; Lance and Leah Lesny for their preservation of their Queen Anne style House; The Sunshine Mile Merchants Association for the relaunch of the Sunshine Mile, Sharon Bronson, the International Sonoran Desert Alliance, Pima County, The Architecture Company, Logan Simpson Design, the Arizona Department of Transportation, and voters for the restoration of the Ajo Depot; Tucson Medical Center for the restoration of the late 1920s Erickson House; Pima Community College for the adaptive reuse of Roberts Elementary School; Brooks Jeffery

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and the National Park Service for hosting the Taller Internacional de Conservación y Restauración de Arquitectura de Tierra (TICRAT) workshops for conservators of earthen architecture; and the City of Tucson for development of the Tucson Historic Preservation Web Map pages for the public. The Alene Dunlap Smith and Paul Smith are awarded to the Arizona State Museum. Throughout its 120-year history, the museum has been a leader in preservation at the local, statewide, and national levels, in public outreach and education, and in collaboration and consultation with tribal communities, including the popular Southwest Indian Arts Fair. Its ceramic vessel and basketry collection have been recognized as American treasures.

This year's ceremony is supported by the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission and the Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Sarah Herr at (520) 881-2244.

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